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Applicant(s) respectfully requests that the information enclosed herein be considered by the examiner in the above captioned application and be made of record therein.

Applicant points out that the disclosed reference, patent application publication 2001/0038702 A1, which was cited by the Examiner in a co-pending European application, is for an application that issued as U.S. patent 7,158,643 B2 on January 2, 2007.

Applicant(s) believe that the information enclosed herewith is submitted in accordance with **37 CFR § 1.97(b)**. Accordingly, no fee is required for consideration of the information disclosure statement. However, any deficiency in government fees should be charged to deposit account **05-0845**.

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